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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES ENGLEWOOD/LITTLETON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FUNDING IN FINAL INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced that he has secured \$500,000 in State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for improvements to the Englewood/Littleton Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 expansion in the 2006 Interior Appropriations bill, which was approved by the Senate on Friday. The House of Representatives approved the legislation Thursday night; the bill will now go to the White House for the President's signature.

"Higher than expected growth has created the need for greater capacity for wastewater treatment at the Englewood/Littleton facility," said Senator Allard. "I was pleased to include this funding to reduce the costs of the expansion, and help mitigate the rate increases that could be passed on to residents."

"As a member of the conference committee that worked to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Interior Appropriations bill, I was in a position to ensure that this funding for the Englewood/Littleton facility stayed in the final version of the legislation," added Senator Allard.

New regulations, system conditions and growth throughout Jefferson County have created the need for a comprehensive plan to make improvements to the county's stormwater collection system. The improvements will also be funded in part by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.